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Changes to Special Park Uses Program Coming in 2019

Brecksville, Ohio – The National Park Service is making extensive changes to the Special Park Uses Program for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The changes will be implemented starting January 1, 2019. The National Park Service, in accordance with *36 CFR § 2.50 Special Events*, requires that a permit be obtained for certain types of activities and events. A Special Park Use is defined as a short-term activity that takes place in the park area, provides a benefit to an individual, group or organization, is not prohibited by law or regulation, and is not initiated or sponsored by the National Park Service. One of the purposes of the permitting process is to limit the impact of the activities on park resources and visitors.

Changes to the Special Park Uses Program include restrictions on dates and locations where certain types of activities are permitted. CVNP will no longer be issuing permits on Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, or Independence Day (and associated weekends). Location restrictions include limiting organized running events to the following trails: Salt Run, Lake, Cross Country, Oak Hill, and Plateau trails. Some organized running events may be permitted on the Towpath depending on the size of the event and the time the event takes place. Additionally, the park will implement an updated fee structure to reflect the true cost of administering and managing Special Park Uses.

For additional information and details about upcoming changes visit www.nps.gov/cuva/planyourvisit/permitsandreservations.

About Cuyahoga Valley National Park

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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